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SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS OF BRUTALITY CONCERNING ARTHUR CHARITON

REF: MANAGUA 1625

1. MEMBERS OF ARTHUR CHARITON'S FAMILY HAVE FOLLOWED UP ON HIS CHARGE (REFTEL) THAT HE WAS BEATEN DURING HIS REMOVAL FROM THE EMBASSY ON APRIL 4. THEY CLAIM, IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND VARIOUS MEMBERS OF CONGRESS THAT BRUTAL TREATMENT RESULTED IN "PIECES OF FLESH" BEING GOUGED OUT OF CHARITON'S ARMS, AND HEAVY BRUISES PRODUCED ON HIS BACK, ARMS AND LEGS FROM BLOWS INFLICTED BY THOSE WHO CARRIED HIM FROM THE EMBASSY. THREATS OF A POSSIBLE LAW SUIT HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE OVER THIS MATTER.

2. IN LIGHT OF THE SERIOUS NATURE OF THESE CHARGES, AND CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THIS MATTER, DEPT. WOULD
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APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S RESPONSE TO THESE ALLEGATIONS. THIS MIGHT INCLUDE STATEMENTS FROM THOSE INVOLVED AS TO HOW MUCH FORCE WAS USED IN REMOVING CHARITON FROM THE EMBASSY PROPERTY, AND ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM THE DOCTORS WHO EXAMINED HIM WHEN HE WAS RETURNED TO THE HOSPITAL AS TO THE EXTENT OF THE INJURIES HE

ALLEGEDLY SUFFERED. GIVEN THE GROWING INTEREST IN
THIS CASE IN GENERAL, AND IN THIS ASPECT IN PARTICULAR,
WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN IMMEDIATE REPLY. VANCE

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